



# Town of North Andover Quarterly Newsletter

## News from the Town Manager's Office

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Hello, my name is Andrew Maylor. As of December 16<sup>th</sup>, I became your new Town Manager. I have spent the past nine years as the first Town Administrator in Swampscott and I have also recently completed serving as the Chairman of the Board of the Essex Regional Retirement System. During my almost twenty years of municipal service I have focused on improving the quality of life for the residents and business owners in the communities in which I have worked. In order to accomplish this I have relied on many of the principles I learned in the private sector early in my career. At the forefront is being responsive to the needs of the community

and being available to the people who live and work in that town. During the coming months and years I plan on working with the Board of Selectmen to chart a course that will enhance the service delivery and responsiveness of town government to the residents and business owners of North Andover. Ultimately, in order to succeed I will need your feedback. I welcome you to email me to ask a question, raise a concern or just say hi. Regards, Andrew Maylor [amaylor@townofnorthandover.com](mailto:amaylor@townofnorthandover.com)



## News from the School Department

### 63 Students Named AP Scholars at NAHS

Sixty-three (63) students at North Andover High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18% of the more than 1,600,000 high school students in more than 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar. Students took AP Exams in May 2011.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams. Fourteen (14) NAHS students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3.0 or higher on five or more of these exams. Members of the Classes of 2011 and 2012 recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction are: Julia Cataldo, Kevin Cavanaugh, Margaret Chen Shivani Seshmukh, Kristen DiTroia, Danielle Emmons, Garrett Galvin, Hannah Kim, Eileen Ly, Raymond Shih, Alexandra Specht, Nick Thomas, Kati Tudisco and Brian Varga. Thirteen (13) NAHS students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3.0 or higher on four or more of these exams. Members of the Classes of 2011 and 2012 recognized as AP Scholars with Honor are: Janelle Caputo, Matt Cavallaro, Tim Chiang, Sapna Contractor, Courtney Galvin, Deepti Kumar, Peter Novello, Emily Phan, Peter Shaheen, Kathryn Solomon, Nihala Thanikkal, Michael Weisman and Elisabeth Ziehl. In addition, thirty-six (36) North Andover High School students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3.0 or higher. AP Scholars from the Classes of 2011 and 2012 are: Kim Bernardin, Katrina Buchta, Samantha Calderazzo, Lydia Carnevale, Emily Casey, Dan Connolly, Chris Driscoll, Paul Fionte, Elizabeth Gardell, Kiera Googins, Morgan Hancock, Ryan Holasek, Kevin Hood, Caitlin Houlihan, Aishwarya Jagtap, Kara L'Italien, Meagan Langton, Demetri Lemonias, John Manteiga, Laura McCarthy, Lauren Miller, Michael Moroney, Shelby Mosier, John Murphy, Matt Noyes, Zack Peterson, James Polino, Yelena Ravvina, Alice Rodgers, Kathleen Spanos, Alex Sullivan, Emaan Syed, Gwen Vozeolas, Jennifer Wen, Kaitlyn Whyte and Cody Young. North Andover High School is proud of the accomplishments of these students.

**NAHS Students Selected for Northeast District Music Ensembles** - Eight NAHS students have been selected to participate in the Massachusetts Northeastern District Senior Music Festival. After auditions of 1037 students from more than 95 public and private schools held in November, 434 students from grades nine through twelve were selected to participate in this prestigious Mas-

sachusetts Music Educators Association event. The program is offered by the M.M.E.A. as an enrichment opportunity, providing a musical experience to talented young people. The students were selected to perform in the Senior District Orchestra, Concert Band, and Chorus. They will rehearse with guest conductors and then perform in a concert to be held at Lowell High School in Lowell, MA on Saturday, January 7, 2012. The highest scoring students in the state are invited to audition in January for the Massachusetts All-State ensembles with an opportunity to perform in Symphony Hall. *Representing North Andover High School in the concert will be:* Jackie Foley '13-- Soprano, Carolyn Noyes '14-- Soprano, Erik Hylan '12-- Tenor, Nick Thomas '12-- Tenor-- All-State Recommendation, Mark Fuller '13-- Bass-- All-State Recommendation, Arslan Sheikh '14-- Bass, David Baylies, '13, Orchestra, Trumpet, All-State Recommendation, and Ryan Curtin, '12, Band, Trombone, All-State Recommendation.

### North Andover High School Forms Student Debate Team

Due primarily to the efforts of 10th grade student Soham Kuttarkar, NAHS has formed a Student Debate team, consisting of a core group of 8-12 students who are mostly 10th graders, along with a few freshman and juniors. They meet Tuesday afternoons for about 1 hour, and so far they have competed in two interscholastic tournaments against teams from over Eastern Massachusetts as well as New York. In both tournaments so far NAHS teams have been recognized for both individual speaker and team honors in the novice divisions. The team members hope to compete in at least 3-4 more events this year before the interscholastic debate season winds down in late March.

**North Andover High School Athletics** - North Andover High school teams completed another successful season which included Cape Ann Championships for Boys Soccer and Girls Field Hockey, two coaches named Coach of the Year, Kevin "Bud" McCarthy for Girls Soccer and Bill Tarbox for Boys Soccer and Assistant Coach of the Year, Mike Mosto for Football. The following students received individual recognitions; Brandon Walsh - Football - D1 CAL/NEC Offensive Player of the Year, Boston Globe All Scholastic, Michelle Martin - Field Hockey - D1 CAL Player of the Year and Alex Sullivan - Cross Country - CAL Runner of the Year. In addition, NAHS was again the recipient of the Boston Globe's Ames Award for the 2010-2011 school-year. This is the third year in a row that NAHS has received the Ames Award for best athletic program overall in Division 2.

**Thomson Makes AYP on MCAS for 2 Years Consecutively and Earns Statewide Recognition** - Congratulations to teachers, staff and students for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Thomson has been recognized by Governor Deval Patrick and DESE Commissioner Mitchell Chester as 1 of only 18 "Turn-Around" schools in the entire state for exiting their accountability status. Thomson was also recognized state-wide as 1 of 127 Commended Schools by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

## News from the Fire Department

With the long cold New England winter upon us comes a host of safety concerns. You can make a difference; keep your family safe by practicing the following safety measures. Hot embers from fire places and wood stoves, long after a fire has burned are responsible for numerous fires each year. Make sure the coals are completely extinguished before discarding. The best means are metal containers with lids placed far from other combustibles. Do not use cardboard or other non-metallic containers. Fires have occurred the next day from coals being removed from a fire the night before. This disturbance introduces fresh air which is enough to reignite the coals. Have your chimneys and flue pipes cleaned annually if used frequently. Make sure you are not wearing loosely fitted clothing while loading stoves and fireplaces; it only takes a second for certain clothing to ignite. All homes should be equipped with working smoke and carbon monoxide [CO] detectors. If your CO detector is activated move all occupants to a safe place and call the Fire Department. We will monitor the atmosphere and determine the source of CO. Do not run automobiles, snow blowers or any other fossil fuel equipment in garages for a period of time, CO can last several hours.

Make sure all means of egress are free from snow and ice as well as all heating vents. If using portable generators they should be placed far away from the house as to prevent CO from entering the home. Portable heaters are another leading cause of fire. If you are using portable space heaters they must be monitored at all times. Do not use fossil fueled heaters in doors. Keep children and pets away from all heaters and make sure they are free and clear from all combustibles. The burning season runs from January 15 through April 1. The rules and regulations are posted on the Town's web site. Please respect your neighbors and burn sensibly. A permit must be obtained for each day of burning. Street numbers have to be posted on the house in close proximity to an entry door, not on the door. They should be visible from the driveway or approach. It is the law. If you are selling your home a Certificate of Compliance for a working fire and carbon monoxide detection system is required by law. For all questions related to the certificate call the fire prevention office. For all homes and businesses protected with a fire sprinkler system, make sure all piping is well insulated and protected from freezing.

## News from the Police Department

### DIRECTED PATROLS

With family to visit and holiday parties at work and at home, the months of November and December often bring out the holiday spirit in most of us. Shopping and more shopping are the focus of the season as many of you visited malls and shopping centers more frequently during the peak holiday months. Along with increased consumer activity, criminal activity was also on the rise. Criminals can often find ample opportunity for their "shopping" during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season due to an influx of potential victims who are often more distracted than usual. Inadvertently leaving car doors unlocked or purses unattended in a shopping cart are two of many ways victims provide a target of opportunity for suspects.

In 2007, the North Andover Police Department recognized an increase in larcenies, car breaks, shoplifting and other crimes along the Rte. 114 shopping corridor which includes the North Andover Mall, Eaglewood shops and other retail establishments. In answer to the increased crime activity, the police department implemented *Directed Patrols* during the holiday season. Over this and the last several shopping seasons you may have noticed one or two cruisers patrolling this corridor throughout the day and evening hours. Each day during shopping hours a patrol officer was reassigned from a usual patrol sector to the Rte. 114 shopping corridor. The marked police cruiser served primarily as a visible deterrent for potential criminals. While on *Directed Patrol*, these officers conducted foot patrols, monitored parking lots and served as primary response units to any calls for service in the shopping area with a rapid response capability. Remaining officers on the shift, including specialty traffic units, covered the directed patrol officer's usual patrol sector during the temporary reassignment hours. This continued throughout each day until the stores closed.

The results of *Directed Patrol* were stunning with a remarkable crime reduction in 2007 at the North Andover Mall and

Eaglewood shops. Shoplifting and larcenies dropped as significantly as motor vehicle breaks and other property crimes. Business owners applauded the police officers on foot patrol in their businesses and the rapid response time during times of need. Shoppers felt safer seeing a marked police car in parking lots during the day and especially after dark. The results have been as effective year after year.

In 2011 Chief Paul Gallagher again implemented *Directed Patrol* beginning on Black Friday. The first resulting arrest was made at 3:00 AM for a shoplifter at Kohl's. A shopper stole a significant amount of merchandise and was promptly arrested and brought back to the police station at 1475 Osgood Street the day after Thanksgiving. The Police Department promotes a zero-tolerance policy for criminals who make it their business to put citizens in fear, steal from local businesses, and otherwise compromise the holiday spirit. Those who conducted themselves in this manner were arrested, brought to court and prosecuted fully. The North Andover Police prides itself in providing the safest possible community for residents and shoppers alike.

The North Andover Police Department would like to remind you to please abide by the winter parking ban during this season. The ban runs from December 1<sup>st</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup> from midnight to 6 AM. For information on the Parking Ban go to [www.townofnorthandover.com](http://www.townofnorthandover.com).

Please also take the time to become a member of the North Andover Crime Watch and become a member of your *Neighborhood Watch*. Email us at [crimewatch@napd.us](mailto:crimewatch@napd.us) for information and crime tips.

